

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Mozelle Tonne Collection

1 linear inch

Record ID: 1991-1

Donor: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tonne

Acquisition: Gift, 1991

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Mozelle Tonne Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Mozelle Tonne was born in San Saba, Texas, and her family traveled and lived many places during her childhood because her father was an oil field worker, farmer, and miner. She graduated from Garden City High School, and thereafter she took a secretarial course taught by Mrs. Bertha Roberts in the local court house through the WPA in 1942.

Gilbert Tonne was born on a farm in Eastland County, and his family moved to Grape Creek when he was young. He finished the 10th grade at Grape Creek High School, and he later served during World War II in the 75th Coast Artillery in Alaska and Hawaii.

Shortly after World War II ended, Gilbert and Mozelle Tonne married and moved to Ft. Bliss. When Gilbert went on a second overseas assignment, Mozelle moved back to San Angelo and worked at Goodfellow until 1947, when their first child was born. Mozelle stayed home and raised their four children—two daughters and twin sons—while Gilbert worked in San Angelo for the West Texas Utilities Power Plant until his retirement in 1981. The Tonnes have lived at their present residence in San Angelo for over 50 years.

Mozelle has written a few articles for publication, and most of her research has focused on family history. She published a book about her maternal grandfather, entitled *From Ikervar to Devil's Garden: The Saga of Alexander Ringhoffer*, which can be found in the West Texas Collection and the Porter Henderson Library at CT 275 .R615 T6 1992.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains a pamphlet, newspaper, and a story. They are located in Miscellaneous Box 1.

Arrangement:

Newspaper: Sanatorium, TX *Chaser*, September 1944

Pamphlet: San Angelo Sanatorium

Story: Personal recollection as a young girl at Christmas in 1927. (Published in abridged form in *Progressive Farmer*)